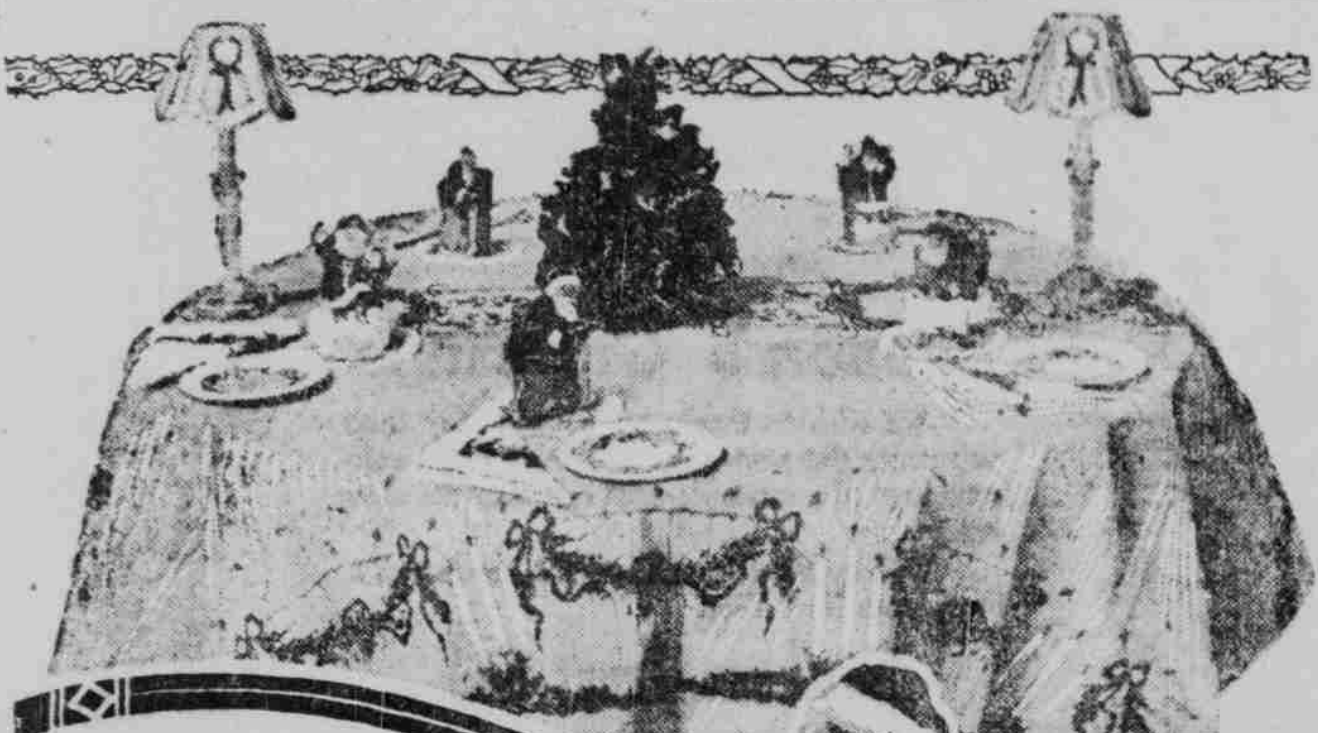


SUGGESTIONS FOR DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE



The upper photograph shows a table decorated with a fancy Christmas tablecloth, napkins and serving plates. Below is a Santa Claus centerpiece.

By MRS. MORTON.

Nothing is prettier than the red and green of the Christmas decorations on the snow-white table linen. There are so many inexpensive decorations to be had in paper and cardboard that every table can boast of some ornamentation. Holly trimmed paper comes in such pretty patterns that many women dispense with their "napery" and use the paper tablecloths and napkins. These paper sets are particularly good for the informal holiday supper which is so often a part of the day's festivities. Table cover, napkins, dollies and plates are all white with matching design, the three former being of soft "crepe" paper. The colors used in printing all are fast and so possess no element of danger for fingers or gowns. With the lunch set on the table in the illustration are used two candle-



sticks with red and green shades. A bunch of holly shaped like a Christmas tree forms the centerpiece and tiny chimneys with Santa about to climb in with his pack of favors at each place.

The "Jack Horner" or Favor Pies will also be popular at Christmas tables this year. The illustration shows a Santa and Sled Favor pie, an easy and inexpensive one to produce.

DIAMONDS MAY BE MINED IN ILLINOIS

Formations in Hardin County Similar to Those of Famous Johannesburg District in South Africa.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Geological formations in Hardin County in the southeastern part of Illinois resemble those of the Johannesburg district, South Africa, and many contain diamonds, according to an announcement made by Francis W. Shepherdson, director of the State Department of Education.

"Hardin County," said Mr. Shepherdson, "is geologically speaking a part of the Ozark Mountains. It presents what geologists term a fault. This fault is akin to the formation of the diamond fields of South Africa which are the richest in the world's history. No diamonds have ever been found in Hardin County yet, but if geological conditions are not misleading the presence of diamonds is not improbable. One of the world's best fluospar mines is in this part of Illinois."

Twenty-two diamonds were turned up by a farmer's plow in 1912 in the northern part of Illinois. One of these weighed 7.14 carats. These are the only diamonds ever found in the state. More than twenty diamonds have been found in Indiana and a half dozen in Wisconsin, but these are supposed geologists to have been washed down from the region of Hudson Bay in the glacial age. The only diamond mine in the United States is in Pike County, Arkansas. More than 2,000 diamonds have been taken from it including one of 17.14 carats. Pike County is also geologically akin to the Ozarks. The Arkansas diamond mine was discovered in 1866, but systematic mining did not begin until last Spring. It is now in regular operation.

COMPLAIN ABOUT BRITISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Acting Secretary of State Norman H. Davis, just returned from a week's illness, today was giving serious consideration to a

letter from Senator Kellogg, dealing with the alleged irregular action of the British embassy in communicating with a committee of the senate direct rather than through the state department.

In the absence of any definite announcement, official Washington speculated freely upon the outcome of the incident. It was generally agreed that the episode was particularly unfortunate, coming as it did on the heels of the department's demand upon Senator Bianchi, Guatemalan minister for an explanation of his recent visit to Senator Moses. The consensus of opinion was, however, that the likelihood of a serious situation arising from this affair was extremely remote.

Emphasis was laid upon the illness of Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, and the fact that the letter to the senate committee investigating cable communications is said to have been sent by a secretary of the embassy.

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Health is Happiness

The Care of the Teeth

Christmas more than any other time of the year is the time of candy-eating, and, as we all know, this is more detrimental to the teeth, so it will be wise, if you obey the following rules on the care of your teeth:

1. Clean teeth after each meal with a good brush and dentifrice.
2. Clean them with dental floss just before retiring.
3. Be careful not to let ice cold drinks follow hot food immediately, as this change of temperature will cause the enamel to crack, just as it would crack a glass.
4. Rinse your mouth once a day with an antiseptic mouthwash.
5. If you have an acid stomach it is advisable to rinse your mouth before retiring with Milk of Magnesia, either plain or diluted.
6. Never use a pin or a needle to pick your teeth with. It is the best not to pick your teeth at all, but remove particles of food which might have remained between your teeth by means of dental floss or rinsing.
7. Don't try to bite thread or crack nuts with your teeth.
8. If you have a loose tooth, avoid touching it, but consult a dentist. There are a number of dentifrices and powders on the market which claim to fasten the teeth again.
9. Have your dentist inspect your teeth once every three months.
10. If tartar collects quickly on your teeth, clean them every three or four days in the following way. Wrap absorbent cotton around the sharp end of a new orange wood stick, dip in very finely powdered pumice stone and clean between

the teeth and around the roots, particularly in back of the teeth. Rinse your mouth with water, then take a fresh piece of cotton and pour orange stick, dip in iodine and run quickly around the base of your teeth. This is excellent for the gums, especially where they tend to recede.

Sleep and Relaxation

There is nothing that will help the looks and the health of a woman as much as sufficient sleep.

Any woman, whether she is a worker or a lady of leisure will hold her vigor and retain her good looks the longer if she can be lavish with the hours she devotes to sleep.

In spite of opinions to the contrary, the best-known experts on the question have decided that there is no substitute for sleep, not excepting food or change of climate. The stretch of time between getting up in the morning and going to bed at night is too long to go unbroken. The mid-afternoon nap, therefore, is a splendid tonic to those who can afford the time. The woman who works the hardest at home is the one who needs sleep the most, and yet, as a rule, is the one who wouldn't think of taking a rest during the day. Then she often claims she is too tired to sleep. This very inability to let go, to quiet down, is proof that she needs to relax. If you cannot take a nap, and, of course, you cannot if you go to business, you can at least take a few moments of relaxation and go to bed early. The results will soon show an improved health, more efficient work, and better looks.

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EX-Bantam Champion Sails to Meet Wilde

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Pete Herman of New Orleans, who lost his title as world's bantamweight boxing champion Wednesday night to Joe Lynch of this city, was a passenger yesterday on the steamship Imperator sailing for England. He is matched against Jimmy Wilde, English flyweight cham-

pin, for a twenty-round bout in London.

GOVERNOR GIVES XMAS PARDONS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Christmas gifts in the form of pardons and paroles for inmates of the Indiana state prison and reformatory were dispensed today by Gov. Goodrich. The governor abided by the recommendations of the pardons board in every

case except that of Dr. Nelson Rose,

Hartford City murderer, whose temporary parole, recommended to be 30 days, was reduced to 15 days.

Carl Johnson to Marry Dec. 30; Quits Sports

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Carl Johnson, member of the American Olympic track team and captain last season of the University of Michigan track team, announced today his retirement from active participation in

track sports. He is to be married here December 30.

While Saving.

An officer expert found that the girls in a hat manufactory whose work it was to sew silk-ribbon bows and hat bands on hats were bits of ribbon valued at \$360 a year in cutting by guess from the rolls of ribbon given to each girl. Now the ribbons in that factory are cut by accurate gauges.

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